Contract farming

433. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of total land under contract farming out of the total farm land;

(b) the names of the multinationals and Indian corporate sectors engaged in contract farming;

(c) the total amount of loan provided by the public sector banks and financial institutions during the last three years, year-wise and company-wise;

(d) whether this contract farming has benefited the country's farmers since contract farming tends to shift production in favour of export oriented and cash crops at the cost of basic food crops leading to higher prices for food commodities; and

(e) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Indebtedness of farmers of Haryana

†434. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 53 per cent of farmers in Haryana are debt ridden whereas national average for debt ridden farmers in 48.6 per cent;

(b) if not, the fact thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the farmers of Haryana owe an average amount of Rs. 26000 on them whereas average debt amount in the country is Rs. 12,585;

(d) if not, the facts thereof;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) whether average foodgrains yield in Haryana is more than the national average yield rate;

(f) if so, the details thereof and whether the farmers of this State are more prosperous than the average farmers of the country; and

(g) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) As per the National Sample Survey Organisation Report No. 498 on Indebtedness of Farmers Households, 53.1 per cent of the farmer households were reported to be indebted in Haryana whereas 48.6 per cent of households were reported to be indebted at All India Level.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) and (g) Details regarding yield of total foodgrains in Haryana at All India level during last three years are give below:

Foodgrains Yield (Kg/Hectare)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Haryana	3068	3092	3045
All India	1727	1652	1716

Cattle population

435. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cattle in the country according to recent surveys;

(b) the number of such cattle affected by "Hoof and Mouth" disease and other serious debilitating problems;

(c) the steps Government are taking up to ensure a healthier cattle population;

(d) whether it is a fact that there has been a neglect of improving and protecting cattle in the last four years; and